

FCC REPORT

JULY -SEPT 2009

CRIME & VIOLENCE

6AM - 7/22

THIS MORNING.. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE JACK JOHNSON WILL ANNOUNCE AND DISCUSS SUMMER CRIME INITIATIVES. HE'LL HOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT IVERSON MALL.. AND WILL BE JOINED BY POLICE CHIEF ROBERTO HYLTON. OVERALL.. CRIME IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY IS DOWN 14-PERCENT FROM THIS TIME LAST YEAR. BUT THE NUMBER OF BURGLARIES IS UP.

6AM - 8/4

MARYLAND'S MURDER RATE IS GOING DOWN. ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT, MURDERS DROPPED 11 PERCENT IN THE STATE LAST YEAR. BALTIMORE SAW THE BIGGEST REDUCTION IN HOMICIDES, A 17 PERCENT DROP FROM 2007.... FOLLOWED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY WITH 14 PERCENT. VIOLENT CRIME ALSO DROPPED BY TWO PERCENT STATE-WIDE LAST YEAR.

7:56AM - 7/23

A BALTIMORE MAIL CARRIER HAS PLEADED GUILTY TO STEALING MORE THAN ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TREASURY CHECKS. PROSECUTORS SAY 27 YEAR-OLD LEONARD JENKINS TOOK THE CHECKS OUT OF THE MAIL AND GAVE THEM TO SEVERAL OTHERS WHO WOULD CASH THEM WITH FAKE I-D'S. EIGHT PEOPLE TOTAL ARE CHARGED WITH THE CRIME. THE SCHEME RAN FROM FROM MARCH OF 2006 TO MAY OF 2007.

12PM - 7/7

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A GROUP OF MEN WHO POSED AS POLICE AND ROBBED THREE HOMES. IT HAPPENED EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING IN DISTRICT HEIGHTS AND GLENARDEN, MARYLAND. POLICE SAY THE MEN WERE ARMED WITH HANDGUNS WHEN THEY STORMED INTO THE THREE HOMES AND TIED UP THE OCCUPANTS. THE SUSPECTS GOT AWAY WITH CASH AND A FLAT SCREEN T-V.

12PM - 7/30

A METRO BUS DRIVER IS ON PAID LEAVE... PENDING THE OUTCOME OF KIDNAPPING CHARGES. IT ALLEGEDLY HAPPENED OVER THE WEEKEND ON THE D-14 BUS, BETWEEN THE SUITLAD AND SOUTHERN AVENUE STATIONS. TRANSIT OFFICIALS SAY THE DRIVER REFUSED TO LET A PASSENGER LEAVE, AFTER THE TWO GOT INTO A VERBAL ARGUMENT. METRO POLICE SAY THE DRIVER WRONGFULLY DETAINED THE PASSENGER.

12PM - 8/26

A D-C WOMAN IS UNDER ARREST.. AFTER TRYING TO SMUGGLE DRUGS INSIDE HER BRA AT B-W-I MARSHALL AIRPORT. OFFICERS DISCOVERED TWO AND A HALF POUNDS OF COCAINE YESTERDAY. AUTHORITIES SEARCHED 35-YEAR OLD SOPHIA WILLIAMS AFTER SHE ANSWERED SOME QUESTIONS INCONSISTENTLY. WILLIAMS HAD JUST RETURNED FROM JAMAICA.

5PM - 7/9

AS SAM SAID... MARION BARRY IS *NOT* GOING TO FACE ANY CHARGES DEALING WITH THIS WEEKEND'S ARREST. BUT THE INCIDENT HAS BROUGHT SOME SENSATIONAL VOICE MAIL TAPES TO LIGHT. AND WHERE THE *LANGUAGE* ON THOSE TAPES ENDED UP IS CAUSING SOME CONTROVERSY. WE'LL LOOK INTO THAT IN A FEW MINUTES. IN THE MEANTIME... YOU HAVE WATCH THE FORMER MAYOR'S ENTIRE NEWS CONFERENCE.... AND HEAR WHAT HIS FORMER GIRLFRIEND IS SAYING ABOUT HIM... ON WJLA-DOT-COM, KEYWORD "BARRY."

5PM - 7/14

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ALSO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT CRIMES FELL SIX-POINT-FIVE PERCENT OVER THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF 2009. MURDERS... ROBBERIES... AND CAR THEFTS ALL FELL. BUT THE NUMBER OF RAPES INCREASED SLIGHTLY.

5PM - 9/4

POLICE ARE CHARGING A MARYLAND MAN WITH SEXUALLY ASSAULTING WOMEN HE MET THROUGH CRAIGSLIST. 23-YEAR OLD EDGAR ROMERO OF BLADENSBURG WAS ARRAIGNED TODAY ON SEXUAL ABUSE, KIDNAPPING AND SEVERAL OTHER CHARGES. PROSECUTORS SAY ROMERO AND AN UNKNOWN ACCOMPLICE CONTACTED WOMEN ADVERTISING EROTIC SERVICES ON CRAIGSLIST AND MET THEM IN A WASHINGTON HOTEL. ROMERO ALLEGEDLY SEXUALLY ASSAULTED TWO VICTIMS AND HELPED HIS ACCOMPLICE SEXUALLY ASSAULT ANOTHER WOMAN.

5PM - 9/11

THE LOUDOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ALERTING SENIOR CITIZENS TONIGHT OF A PHONE SCAM TARGETING GRANDPARENTS. INVESTIGATORS SAY AT LEAST FIVE TIMES THIS WEEK, SENIOR CITIZENS IN LOUDOUN COUNTY HAVE RECEIVED A CALL FROM A PERSON CLAIMING TO BE THEIR GRANDCHILD.. IN JAIL. THE CALLER THEN ASKS FOR THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO BE WIRED TO CANADA, TO GET OUT OF JAIL. IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF THIS TYPE OF SCAM PLEASE CALL POLICE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

6AM - 8/13

VIRGINIA DEMOCRAT CREIGH (kree) DEEDS HAS HINTED HE MIGHT SUPPORT A TAX HIKE TO RAISE MONEY FOR TRANSPORTATION. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE RICHMOND-TIMES DISPATCH... THE GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE SAYS HE WOULD SIGN A REVENUE-BOOSTING BILL IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED IT. IN THE PAST... STATE SENATOR DEEDS SUPPORTED A GASOLINE TAX TO RAISE MONEY FOR ROADS. BUT HE MENTIONED NO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN THE NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW.

12PM - 9/29

IT COULD SOON BE TOUGHER TO FIND A PLACE TO LIGHT UP IN THE DISTRICT. THE D-C COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING A BILL THAT WOULD BAN SMOKING *OUTSIDE* OF BUILDINGS WHERE SMOKING IS BANNED INSIDE. COUNCILMAN PHIL MENDELSON TELLS W-T-O-P RADIO THE BILL GIVES BUILDING OWNERS THE AUTHORITY TO BAN SMOKING WITHIN 25-FEET OF A BUILDING.

5PM - 7/29

CAMERAS COULD BE INSTALLED IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE CARS BY THE END OF THE YEAR. AFTER A DECADE OF DEBATE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL SIGNED OFF ON A PLAN TO USE 600,000 DOLLARS IN STIMULUS MONEY TO PAY FOR AND INSTALL DIGITAL CAMERAS IN CRUISERS. POLICE OFFICIALS SAY THE CAMERAS WILL STRENGTHEN CASES AGAINST CRIMINALS AND BOOST THE DEPARTMENT'S ACCOUNTABILITY.

5PM - 9/30

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING A BILL THAT WOULD CHANGE THE RULES FOR PAWN SHOPS AND SECOND HAND STORES. THE MEASURE WOULD PROHIBIT THE STORES FROM SELLING FOOD, COSMETICS AND MEDICATION. COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC OLSON SAYS POLICE HAVE TOLD HIM SOME SHOPS ARE SELLING INFANT FORMULA AND MEDICATIONS. THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND PAWN BROKERS ASSOCIATION SAYS HE'S NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH SALES BY PAWN SHOPS.

6PM -

VIRGINIA LEGISLATORS HAVE ENDED THEIR SPECIAL SESSION, AFTER UNANIMOUSLY PASSING LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH A RECENT U-S SUPREME COURT RULING. THE LAW ESTABLISHES NEW PROCEDURES IN CASES IN WHICH LAB REPORTS ARE USED AS EVIDENCE. THE SUPREME COURT RULED IN JUNE THAT PROSECUTORS MUST MAKE FORENSIC EXAMINERS AVAILABLE FOR DEFENSE CROSS-EXAMINATION ABOUT THE LAB REPORTS PREPARED IN DRUG AND DRUNKEN-DRIVING CASES. THE NEW LAW CHANGES VIRGINIA'S PROCEDURES TO COMPLY WITH THE SUPREME COURT RULING.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

5AM - 7/1

TWO OTHER VIRGINIA LAWS ARE NOW IN EFFECT. TEENAGERS CAN LOSE THEIR DRIVER'S LICENSES IF THEY MISS SCHOOL FOR TEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS. AND SMOKING IS NOW BANNED AT VIRGINIA RESTAURANTS AND BARS... UNLESS THE ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE A SEPARATE ROOM OR VENTILATION SYSTEM. PRIVATE CLUBS ARE EXEMPT.

8:56AM - 7/14

A VIRGINIA DOCTOR HAS PLEADED GUILTY TO A PRESCRIPTION-WRITING SCAM. FEDERAL PROSECUTORS SAY DOCTOR TORINO JENNINGS WROTE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PRESCRIPTIONS ONLINE FOR THREE YEARS... WITHOUT EXAMINING THE PATIENTS OR TELLING THE I-R-S HOW MUCH MONEY HE MADE. JENNINGS FACES UP TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON.

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6PM - 7/21

A BETHESDA DOCTOR ACCUSED OF POSSESSING ILLEGAL DRUGS HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS. THE DECISION IN DR ERIC GREENBERG'S TRIAL CAME DOWN JUST MOMENTS AGO. POLICE RAIDED HIS HOME OFFICE IN APRIL AND FOUND COCAINE, POWDERED RITALIN, AND A METH PIPE. HIS WIFE JAQUENETTE FISCHMAN WAS ALSO ARRESTED. SHORTLY AFTER THE ARREST, GREENBERG'S MEDICAL LICENSE WAS SUSPENDED ON CHARGES HE HAD BEEN OVER-PRESCRIBING THOUSANDS OF POWERFUL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

6AM - 8/3

FAIRFAX COUNTY PLANS TO REHABILITATE AN IMPORTANT DAM IN THE POHICK CREEK WATERSHED.. USING FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY. OFFICIALS PLAN TO SIGN A REHABILITATION PLAN FOR THE LAKE BARTON DAM THIS MORNING. THE DAM NEEDS TO BE UPGRADED TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT STANDARDS.. AND TO EXTEND ITS LIFE FOR ANOTHER 50 YEARS. THE COUNTY SAYS THE UPGRADED DAM WILL PROTECT 192 HOMES AND BUSINESSES.

6AM - 9/5

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE OUT IN FULL FORCE TODAY... ALL TO HELP THE HOMELESS. ISLAMIC RELIEF WILL HOST THEIR "DAY OF DIGNITY" PROGRAM FROM NOON TO THREE. HYGIENE KITS, BLANKETS AND FOOD WILL BE HANDED OUT. AND MEDICAL SCREENINGS, BLOOD AND DIABETES TESTING WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE. THIS EVENT IS AT THE COMMUNITY FOR CREATIVE NON-VIOLENCE CENTER IN NORTHWEST.

12PM - 7/27

PEOPLE LOOKING TO BUILD A NEW HOME IN VIRGINIA MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW TO INSTALL SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. THE STATE BOARD OF HOUSING IS SUPPOSED TO VOTE TODAY WHETHER OR NOT TO ADOPT THE REGULATION PASSED BY AN INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE ORGANIZATION. IF THE BOARD VOTES YES, THE MANDATE WOULD GO INTO EFFECT IN 2011.

6PM - 8/4

THE DISTRICT IS RECEIVING MORE THAN EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY TO SUPPORT WEATHERIZATION PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS. THE MONEY WILL ALLOW THE CITY TO WEATHERIZE AN ADDITIONAL 785 HOMES OVER THE USUAL WORKLOAD OF 400 IN THE SAME PERIOD.

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

12PM - 7/31

WASHINGTON D-C'S NEEDLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM IS IN DANGER OF COLLAPSING. THAT AFTER A HOUSE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TO REINSTATE A BAN ON USING BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL TAX DOLLARS TO HAND OUT CLEAN NEEDLES TO DRUG ADDICTS....*IF* THEY'RE WITHIN ONE,000 FEET OF WHERE CHILDREN GATHER. DELEGATE ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON IS TRYING TO FIGHT THE BAN. SHE SAYS CLEAN NEEDLE PROGRAMS ARE NEEDED TO COMBAT THE HIGH RATE OF H-I-V INFECTION.

12PM - 8/28

D-C'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL LAUNCH A NEW CAMPAIGN LATER THIS AFTERNOON, TO INCREASE H-I-V TESTING IN THE DISTRICT. ACCORDING TO D-C'S H-I-V-AIDS OFFICE... MORE THAN 15,000 RESIDENTS ARE INFECTED WITH H-I-V.

12PM - 9/2

WASHINGTON COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS GETTING HIT HARD AS MARYLAND TRIES TO FILL A STATE BUDGET GAP. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS LOSING 35-PERCENT OF FUNDING AND WILL REDUCE SERVICES ACROSS THE BOARD. HEALTH OFFICIALS WILL TAKE FEWER PATIENTS AND CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF DAYS THE OFFICE IS OPEN.

5PM - 7/10

SEVENTEEN-PEOPLE FROM VIRGINIA, MARYLAND, AND TWO OTHER STATES ARE UNDERGOING RABIES TREATMENTS AFTER BEING EXPOSED TO A RABID KITTEN. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY NINE HANOVER COUNTY RESIDENTS WERE EXPOSED TO THE KITTEN DURING A FAMILY GATHERING IN DELAWARE EARLIER THIS MONTH. OFFICIALS SAY ONE OF THE RESIDENTS FOUND THE KITTEN ALONG THE SIDE OF A DELAWARE HIGHWAY.

5PM - 7/23

A PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY WOMAN HAS BECOME THE THIRD PERSON WITH SWINE FLU TO DIE IN VIRGINIA. THE OFFICIAL CAUSE OF DEATH HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED, BUT STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE H-ONE-N-ONE VIRUS APPEARS TO BE A FACTOR. OFFICIALS SAY THE VICTIM HAD AN UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITION THAT PUT HER AT GREATER RISK OF COMPLICATIONS FROM THE FLU.

5PM - 7/24

MARYLAND HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE REPORTING THE STATE'S FOURTH DEATH FROM THE SWINE FLU. THE EASTERN SHORE RESIDENT REPORTEDLY DIDN'T HAVE ANY APPARENT ILLNESSES OR RISK FACTORS.. UNLIKE THE FIRST THREE CASES. AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH CONTINUES.

5PM - 9/8

VIRGINIA HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE ASKING ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO REPORT DAILY STUDENT ABSENCES SO THEY CAN TRACK FLU PATTERNS. THE NEW POLICY IS PART OF AN EFFORT TO MANAGE FLU CASES AS PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS HEAD BACK TO CLASS. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY TRACKING ABSENCES ALLOWS EXPERTS TO SPOT UNUSUAL PATTERNS THAT COULD REVEAL EARLY SIGNS OF SWINE FLU.

11PM - 9/5

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS WANT AUTHORITY OVER THE D-C DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO BE TURNED BACK OVER TO THE CITY. A FEDERAL COURT REQUIRED THE DEPARTMENT BE MONITORED AFTER A LAWSUIT 30 YEARS AGO. CITY ATTORNEYS SAY THE DEPARTMENT HAS IMPROVED AND THAT PRIMARY TREATMENT HAS BEEN MOVED TO COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL

6AM - 7/1

THE D-C SUPERIOR COURT HAS DISMISSED A LAWSUIT THAT WOULD HAVE STALLED A NEW LAW RECOGNIZING GAY MARRIAGES PERFORMED OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT. OPPONENTS HOPED TO GET THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT, SAYING D-C COUNCILMEMBERS UNFAIRLY VOTED ON THE BILL WITHOUT THE PUBLIC'S OPINION. THE MEASURE WILL GO INTO EFFECT MONDAY, UNLESS CONGRESS STEPS IN

6AM - 7/23

AMERICAN APPAREL SAYS IT WILL KEEP PRO-GAY T-SHIRTS ON DISPLAY IN ITS STORE WINDOWS.. DESPITE A VANDALISM INCIDENT AND DEATH THREATS. ON MONDAY.. VANDALS SMASHED THE WINDOWS AT THE SILVER SPRING AMERICAN APPAREL STORE. THEY WERE APPARENTLY UPSET ABOUT T-SHIRTS THAT READ: "LEGALIZE GAY.. REPEAL PROP EIGHT NOW." THE MESSAGE REFERS TO CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION EIGHT.. WHICH BANNED SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN THE STATE.

12PM - 7/20

FEDERAL OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING HYLTON HIGH SCHOOL IN WOODBRIDGE FOR SEX BIAS IN SPORTS. PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY IS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE NINE-- WHICH BARS SEX DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION . THE SCHOOL'S BASEBALL FIELD BOASTS A 50,000 DOLLAR PRESS BOX, A LOCKER ROOM AND A CONCESSION STAND. THE SOFTBALL FIELD HAS A WOOD SHED AND A PORT-A-POTTY

12PM - 8/11

THE DISTRICT IS IN THE RUNNING TO HOST THE 20-14 GAY GAMES. THE CITY HOSTED A RALLY LAST NIGHT, TO PUSH ITS BID FOR THE OLYMPIC-STYLE GAMES. THE GAMES ARE HELD AROUND THE GLOBE - THIS YEAR'S WAS IN AUSTRALIA - AND THEY WOULD BRING 12,000 ATHLETES AND 80,000 VISITORS TO THE HOST CITY. THE DECISION WILL BE MADE IN TWO MONTHS.

5PM - 7/7

MARYLAND COULD SOON JOIN D-C IN RECOGNIZING SAME SEX MARRIAGES PERFORMED ELSEWHERE. GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY SAYS HIS STATE SHOULD PROBABLY RESPECT THE RIGHTS GRANTED BY SAME SEX MARRIAGES IN OTHER STATES. ATTORNEY GENERAL DOUG GANSLER IS NOW LOOKING INTO WHETHER THAT IS LEGAL UNDER MARYLAND LAW.

5PM - 7/24

A MULTI-RACIAL GROUP OF POLICE OFFICERS CAME OUT TODAY TO DEFEND SERGENT CROWLEY. THE HEAD OF THE CAMBRIDGE AREA POLICE UNION SAID CROWLEY FOLLOWED PROCEDURE, AND THEY, QUOTE, "DEEPLY RESENT THE IMPLICATION" THAT RACE PLAYED ANY ROLE IN THE ARREST.

5PM - 7/27

RACISM AND RACIAL PROFILING IS SOMETHING BOTH OF THESE MEN KNOWN WELL. PROFESSOR GATES SPENT HIS CAREER STUDYING AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, AND HOW BLACKS ARE TREATED IN AMERICA. AND SERGEANT CROWLEY HAS TAUGHT A POLICE ACADEMY CLASS ON HOW TO AVOID RACIAL PROFILING FOR THE PAST FIVE YEAR.

EDUCATION

12PM - 7/1

FUNDING CUTS ARE FORCING COMMUNITY COLLEGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO TURN AWAY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS. TOUGH FINANCIAL TIMES ARE PROMPTING SOME PARENTS TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO TWO YEAR SCHOOLS OVER MORE EXPENSIVE FOUR YEAR INSTITUTIONS-- CAUSING A DRAMATIC SURGE IN ENROLLMENT. D-C AREA SCHOOLS ARE NOT IMMUNE FROM THE PROBLEM. NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS LOST MORE THAN 10-PERCENT OF ITS STATE FUNDING IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

12PM - 8/17

A MAJOR PROJECT TO COMPILE INFORMATION ABOUT D-C SCHOOLS IS SEVERAL MONTHS BEHIND SCHEDULE. THE 12-MILLION DOLLAR EDUCATION DATABASE, APPROVED LAST YEAR, WAS MEANT TO TRACK EACH STUDENT FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH COLLEGE. NOW CITY OFFICIALS SAY THE PROJECT IS DELAYED AND AREN'T PREPARED TO SAY WHEN IT WILL BE BACK ON TRACK. THE MAIN CONTRACTOR ON THE PROJECT, HAS MISSED A SERIES OF DEADLINES.

12PM - 9/7

AN INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF CHEATING AT MORE THAN 20 D-C PUBLIC AND CHARTER SCHOOLS HAS COME BACK INCONCLUSIVE. OFFICIALS LAUNCHED THE PROBE LAST SUMMER AFTER SCHOOLS SHOWED DRAMATIC GAINS IN READING AND MATH ON STANDARDIZED TESTS. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS, THE STUDY FOUND THAT A NUMBER OF WRONG ANSWERS WERE CHANGED, BUT DID NOT TURN UP ANY EVIDENCE OF CHEATING. THE FULL STUDY HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED.

5PM - 8/13

SEVENTY-ONE PERCENT OF VIRGINIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE MAKING THE GRADE UNDER THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND LAW. STATE EDUCATION OFFICIALS SAY A MAJORITY OF SCHOOLS MET "ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS" IN MATH AND READING THIS PAST SCHOOL YEAR. BUT 525 SCHOOLS FAILED... AND 103 FACE SANCTIONS FOR REPEATEDLY FALLING SHORT ON THEIR STANDARDS OF LEARNING EXAMS.

5PM - 9/16

VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE SETTING NEW RECORDS IN STATEWIDE TESTING. 98-PERCENT OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE FULLY ACCREDITED-- THAT'S THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE SINCE THE STANDARDS OF LEARNING TESTS BEGAN TEN YEARS AGO. STUDENTS AT ALL BUT 41 OF THE STATE'S 1,867 SCHOOLS MET OR EXCEEDED STATE OBJECTIVES IN THE ASSESSMENT TESTS.

5PM - 9/17

STARTING NEXT YEAR, *SEVENTH GRADERS* THROUGHOUT VIRGINIA WILL HAVE TO SPELL OUT THEIR GOALS FOR HIGH SCHOOL. MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO STATE WHAT THEIR ACADEMIC GOALS WILL BE AND WHAT THEY INTEND TO DO AFTER GRADUATION-- COLLEGE, OR GET A JOB. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION VOTED FOR THE CHANGE TO HELP STUDENTS DEVELOP AN ACADEMIC PLAN. STUDENTS WILL REVIEW AND UPDATE THEIR GOALS THROUGHOUT HIGH SCHOOL.

11PM - 7/12

COLLEGE MATH PROFESSORS SAY MARYLAND SCHOOLS AREN'T MAKING THE GRADE WHEN IT COMES TO TEACHING BASIC ARITHMETIC. NEARLY HALF OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WHO GO ON TO FOUR YEAR OR COMMUNITY COLLEGES MUST TAKE REMEDIAL CLASSES. PROFESSORS SAY STUDENTS ARE BEING TAUGHT TOO EARLY TO RELY ON CALCULATORS... AND CAN'T DO BASIC MULTIPLICATION OR DIVISION.

11PM - 8/1

THERE IS A NEW BENEFIT FOR PEOPLE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY. VETERANS, ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, RESERVISTS AND NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS CAN NOW GET A FREE

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. PRESIDENT OBAMA WILL CELEBRATE THE "POST NINE-ELEVEN G-I BILL" DURING AN EVENT AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY IN FAIRFAX ON MONDAY.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

6AM - 9/12

ARLINGTON, FAIRFAX AND LOUDOUN COUNTIES ARE GETTING MILLIONS IN FEDERAL GRANTS TO COMBAT TERRORISM. VIRGINIA GOVERNOR TIM Kaine SAYS THE HOMELAND SECURITY MONEY WILL GO TO NINE CITIES AND COUNTIES... TO PROVIDE BOMB SQUAD EQUIPMENT, AND TO TRAIN LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS TO RESPOND TO TERROR THREATS.

12PM - 7/20

DON'T COUNT ON THE ANNUAL SALES TAX HOLIDAY THIS YEAR IN D-C. LEGISLATION IS MOVING FORWARD TO REPEAL THE HOLIDAY IN AUGUST. THE MOVE WILL SAVE THE LOSS OF AN ESTIMATED 640,000 DOLLARS IN SALES TAX REVENUES. THE AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY PROVIDED A NINE-DAY SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES, SHOES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 100-DOLLARS OR LESS.

12PM - 7/21

NORTHERN VIRGINIA RESIDENTS WILL SOON SEE BIG IMPROVEMENTS ON THE ROAD, THANKS TO FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY. FAIRFAX, LOUDOUN, PRINCE WILLIAM AND ARLINGTON COUNTIES WILL SHARE SOME 260-MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDS. THE MONEY WILL GO TO PAVING ROADS AND COMPLETING A NEW INTERCHANGE TO EASE CONGESTION BETWEEN FAIR LAKES AND FAIRFAX PARKWAYS.

12PM - 9/3

FIRST-TIME FILERS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE NATIONWIDE "FELL" SLIGHTLY LAST WEEK, TO 570,000. BUT THAT'S A SMALLER DROP THAN EXPECTED. AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF JOBLESS CLAIMS "ROSE," TO 6-POINT-2 MILLION-- WHEN IT WAS EXPECTED TO FALL. ECONOMISTS SAY IT'S A SIGN THAT THE JOB MARKET'S RECOVERY WILL BE LONG AND BUMPY.

5PM - 8/18

AROUND THE REGION TONIGHT. D-C IS GETTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES THANKS TO 8-POINT-8 MILLION DOLLARS IN STIMULUS FUNDS. THE MONEY WILL GO TOWARD IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN DISTRICT GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE ISSUE. D-C LAWMAKERS HOPE TO USE THE FUNDING TO CREATE NEW JOBS IN THE GROWING GREEN SECTOR.

6PM - 8/26

THE MARYLAND BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS APPROVED THE MASSIVE BUDGET CUTS GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY PROPOSED. INCLUDED IN THE NEARLY HALF-BILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS... IS MORE THAN 2-HUNDRED LAYOFFS OF STATE EMPLOYEES. AID TO POLICE AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES HAS ALSO TAKEN A BIG HIT. THIS IS THE SIXTH TIME IN TWO YEARS THE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD HAS MADE MIDYEAR CUTS.

6PM - 9/4

MARYLAND GOVERNMENT WORKERS ARE OFF OF WORK TODAY, BUT IT'S NO HOLIDAY OR VACATION. TODAY IS THE FIRST OF FIVE STATE GOVERNMENT FURLOUGHS AFFECTING 67 THOUSAND PEOPLE. STATE COURTS AND PARKS ARE THE ONLY THINGS OPEN TODAY. THE FURLOUGHS ARE EXPECTED TO SAVE THE STATE 75 MILLION DOLLARS.

6:30PM - 7/19

D-C MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY HAS SUBMITTED A NEW BUDGET TO THE D-C COUNCIL. THE MAYOR CUT ABOUT 12 MILLION DOLLARS IN EARMARKS FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR. BUT THE DISTRICT IS STRUGGLING WITH A REVENUE SHORTFALL OF MORE THAN 660 MILLION DOLLARS. THE COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO VOTE ON THE BUDGET ON JULY 31ST.

11PM - 7/26

D-C IS CONSIDERING WELFARE CUTS AS IT TRIES TO CLOSE A HUGE BUDGET GAP. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THAT RESIDENTS WHO HAVEN'T WORKED FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS OR DON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF JOB HELP PROGRAMS COULD HAVE THEIR BENEFITS REDUCED OR ELIMINATED. ADVOCATES CRITICIZED THE IDEA...SAYING IT'S NOT THE TIME TO CUT SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM.

11PM - 9/13

SOME D-C TAXIS WILL SOON BE RUNNING ON A NEW KIND OF FUEL. NINE-MILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY WILL BE USED TO MODIFY NEARLY A THOUSAND CABS SO THEY CAN RUN ON PROPANE. THE CABS WILL BURN A SMALL AMOUNT OF GASOLINE...BUT WILL GET MOST OF THEIR ENERGY FROM PROPANE. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THE MONEY WILL ALSO BE USED TO BUILD SEVERAL PROPANE FILLING STATIONS.

FAMILY ISSUES

7:56AM - 7/21

A HYATTSVILLE NANNY IS ACCUSED OF SHOWING PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITES TO CHILDREN IN HER CARE... AND ASKING THEM TO POSE NUDE. THE 22 YEAR-OLD IS CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE AND ORDERED HELD ON 350,000 DOLLARS BOND.

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VICTIMS' FAMILIES AND SURVIVORS FROM THE VIRGINIA TECH SHOOTING ARE MAKING A PLEA TO VIRGINIA'S U-S SENATORS. THEY TOOK OUT A FULL PAGE AD IN TODAY'S RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH ASKING THE TWO DEMOCRATIC SENATORS TO VOTE AGAINST A CONCEALED WEAPONS AMENDMENT. THE AMENDMENT WOULD GIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE LICENSED TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS IN THEIR HOME STATE, THE RIGHT TO LEGALLY CARRY THEIR WEAPONS IN OTHER STATES.

11PM - 8/9

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND PLANS TO CONDUCT SWINE FLU VACCINE STUDIES BEGINNING TOMORROW. THE UNIVERSITY IS THE LEAD CENTER FOR NATIONWIDE TRIALS. YOUNG ADULT AND SENIOR CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS WILL BE SCREENED. IF THEY GIVE THEIR CONSENT, THEY'LL GET SHOTS TO TEST THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXPERIMENTAL VACCINE. IF IT'S DETERMINED TO BE SAFE, THE VACCINE WILL THEN BE TESTED ON CHILDREN.

ELDERLY & AGING

5AM - 7/7

THAT MORNING CUP OF COFFEE MAY DO MUCH MORE THAN GIVE YOU THE ENERGY YOU NEED TO GET OUT THE DOOR. NEW RESEARCH SHOWS IT COULD ALSO GIVE YOUR MEMORY A BOOST. A NEW STUDY FOUND THAT DRINKING ABOUT FIVE CUPS OF COFFEE A DAY CAN REVERSE MEMORY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. THE STUDY WAS PERFORMED ON MICE WITH SIGNS OF DEMENTIA. THE MICE WHO DRANK CAFFEINE FOR TWO MONTHS PERFORMED BETTER ON MEMORY TESTS THAN THE MICE WHO ONLY DRANK WATER.

12PM - 7/9

SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE PITCHING IN TO HELP AN ELDERLY VIRGINIA MAN KEEP HIS HOME. AT 107.. LARRY HAUBNER HAS OUTLIVED HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND SAVINGS. HE COULD NO LONGER AFFORD TO STAY AT THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IN FREDERICKSBURG HE CALLS HOME. A CASE WORKER AND OTHERS STEPPED IN, AND LAUNCHED A WEB SITE TO RAISE MONEY.

5PM - 7/9

MORE REASONS TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN LEARN TO READ. A NEW STUDY SHOWS PEOPLE WITH SUPERIOR LANGUAGE SKILLS EARLY IN LIFE MAY BE LESS LIKELY TO DEVELOP THE SYMPTOMS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE DECADES LATER. THIS *DESPITE* HAVING SIGNS OF THE DISEASE IN THEIR BRAINS. RESEARCHERS SUGGEST THESE EARLY MENTAL ABILITIES ARE AN INDICATION OF THE ABILITY TO COPE WITH DISEASE.

5PM - 9/4

A HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS NOW SHUT DOWN.. BECAUSE OF ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE. THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IS ON GAINSBOROUGH ROAD IN POTOMAC. PUBLISHED REPORTS SAY AN ALZHEIMER'S PATIENT HAD TAPE AND A RAG TIED OVER HER MOUTH ONE OR MORE TIMES. ANOTHER WOMAN WAS ALLEGEDLY TIED TO A WHEELCHAIR ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. POLICE SAY THE PATIENTS HAVE ALL BEEN MOVED OUT.. AND ARE SAFE.. AS THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

11PM - 9/1

AFTER THREE MONTHS AND MORE THAN 44-HUNDRED MILES ON A BIKE, A D-C RESIDENT HAS ROLLED ACROSS THE FINISH LINE TODAY. KENDAL SPARKS WAS INSPIRED TO ORGANIZE "THE UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY" IN ORDER TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HIS GRANDMOTHER WHO DIED WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND FOR AN UNCLE WHO WAS DIAGNOSED LAST YEAR. THE RIDERS BIKED COAST-TO-COAST, VISITING ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS, AND RAISING MONEY FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION. THEY RAISED MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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1. Released from prison after killing her father
2. The little girl found living like an animal
3. Released From Prison: A Mom Of 3 Goes Home
4. Where Are They Now? Tonya Harding, Lorena Bobbitt And 90s Newsmakers
5. Exclusive Summer Headlines: Lisa Ling, The Man Called Father "Oprah," ESPN's Erin Andrews
6. Dr. Phil Returns To The Oprah Show: My Father is A Serial Killer

Local Government:

Substance Abuse:

Housing & Homelessness:

1. Nate's Time Warp Decorating Rescue
2. Nate's "How To Save You Big Cash" Makeovers

Health & Health Care:

1. Best Life Week: Falling off the wagon
2. Dr. Oz Reports: The science of Beauty
3. Losing weight in the public eye with Star Jones, Valerie Bertinelli & Marie Osmond
4. Dr. Oz investigates medical mysteries
5. Why Kristie Alley fell off the wagon
6. The 900-Pound Mom
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11. Dr. Oz And Michael J. Fox
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13. America's First Face Transplant And The Only Living Mermaid Girl
14. Dr. Oz Reports: Prescription Pill Intervention

Racial, Ethnic, Religious & Sexual:

1. Behind closed doors: sex therapy
2. Oprah goes inside the Yearning for Zion Polygamist Ranch
3. 14 Years Old: They Say They're Ready To Have Sex
4. Sex: Women Reveal What They Really Want
5. Inside The Notorious Bunny Ranch Brothel
6. Beauty Secrets From Around The World

Employment & Economy:

1. Recession rescue with Suze Orman
2. The Taboo Topic: What Social Class Are You Now?
3. An Oprah/People Magazine Exclusive: Heroes In Hard Times
4. Suze Orman: Can You Afford College, A Wedding, A Divorce?

Family Issues:

1. The Octuplet Controversy: Dr. Oz. Weighs In
2. The Families Behind The Heartbreaking Mistaken Identity Case
3. First Interview: Former Child Star Mackenzie Phillips's Stunning Revelations
4. Girl Talk About "Good" Hair With Chris Rock
5. Oprah's Fascinating Families
6. Oprah's "What Can You Live Without?" Experiment

Elderly & Aging:

1. Dr. Oz Reveals the ultimate checklist for great aging